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SUBJECT: 1976 ECUADOREAN SHRIMP EXPORTS

1. FINAL STATISTICS FOR 1976 OBTAINED FROM REGULAR  
INDUSTRY SOURCES SHOW THAT ECUADOR ENJOYED A RECORD  
YEAR FOR EXPORTS OF SHRIMP. IN 1976, ECUADOREAN FIRMS  
EXPORTED 9,564,496 LBS. THIS REPRESENTS A 14 PERCENT INCREASE  
OVER THE 8,341,930 LBS. EXPORTED IN 1975. THE 1976  
FIGURE EXCEEDS THE PREVIOUS HIGH OF 9 MILLION LBS.  
EXPORTED IN 1969.

2. A TOTAL OF 18 FIRMS EXPORTED DURING 1976, THE SAME  
NUMBER AS EXPORTED DURING 1975. OF THE TOTAL, 70 PERCENT WAS  
EXPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING SIX FIRMS:

IPESA 1,892,378

ENACA 1,300,000

EMPACADORA SHAYNE 1,262,444

COPESA 915,610

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FRIMAR 634,876

FRIGORO 587,061

TOTAL 6,592,369

3. WHILE EXACT FIGURES ARE UNAVAILABLE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THE INCREASE IS DUE TO INCREASING SUPPLIES OF POND SHRIMP, RATHER THAN A LARGER CATCH OF OCEAN SHRIMP.

4. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 90 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE CATCH WAS EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1977 ARE RUNNING ABOUT 20 PERCENT AHEAD OF THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, AND IT APPEARS THAT EXPORTS FOR 1977 WILL EXCEED 1976'S RECORD BREAKING NINE AND ONE HALF MILLION LBS. HEAVY RAINS DURING LAST TEN DAYS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP SHRIMP HARVEST HIGH DURING COMING MONTHS, PARTICULARLY IN THE SMALLER TITI SHRIMP.

6. SHRIMP EXPORTS WILL CONTINUE TO ACCOUNT FOR 50 PERCENT OR BETTER OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF TOTAL SEAFOOD EXPORTS BY ECUADOR DURING THE COMING YEAR.  
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